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JUNCUS TORREVI AND ELLISIA NYCTELEA IN MASSACHUSETTS. — On the 25 August, 1901, along a railway ditch at Chelsea I came across a colony of a strange looking *Juncus* which proved to be *J*. *Torreyi*, Coville. It is described in Gray's Manual under *J. nodosus*, L., var. *megacephalus*, Torr.

On I June, 1902, while walking along the recently opened Revere Beach Parkway at Everett, I noticed in the newly seeded grassy borders numerous plants of a species I had never before seen hereabouts. The plant, described a few days after to Dr. Robinson, was at once recognized by him as *Ellisia Nyctelea*, L., which he said was a pernicious weed in some of the western states. It was evidently introduced here in impure grass seed and is not likely to maintain itself in this locality at least. So far as I can learn these two species have not before been reported from New England. — WM. P. RICH.

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